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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000

(AFG/86/020) - Employment Support Services for the Disabled (Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	17 June 1992
Expected duration:	42 months
Proposed executing agency:	ILO
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, NGOs and communities
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$631 500 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP budget:	$673 900
Total UNDP budget:	$1 305 400

Project background

Afghanistan has been devastated by 14 years of bloody conflict through rockets, gunfire, bombing and mines, killing and injuring thousands of people. Compounding the above, the percentage of physical and mental disability is estimated to be double the average worldwide.

The two-year project, with the title "Rehabilitation Centre for Mothers and Children" and UNDP inputs of (US)$468,200, was approved in July 1989 after a preparatory assistance mission with the Ministry of Health as the Government implementing agency. It became operational in April 1990, after a substantial revision (E) and an increase of (US)$140,000. The title was changed to the present one "Employment Support Services for the Disabled" with activities focusing on a community-based approach extended to provinces outside Kabul. Revision 'F', approved in May 1991 reflected the change in Government implementing agency to the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in cooperation with the Government-supported NGO, the National Association of Disabled Afghans (NADA).

The project has developed a pool of local workers who are providing basic services to two target groups: (i) women and children disabled by disease, genetics and war, and (ii) men and youths disabled by war and disease, but

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especially the former. The services have been operating in Kabul, Parwan, Nangahar and Baghlan provinces. The project has exceeded all outputs reflected in Revision 'F', providing 600 clients with employment support in 47 trades compared to the 200 reflected in the project document. Against a target of 30, the project has trained a total of 144 Employment Support Workers (ESW) and 10 mental health Community-based Skills Development Workers (CSDW). A staff training unit and a resource/referral centre have been established in collaboration with NADA. To provide and maintain employment support services for the disabled, the Government requested further UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The project aims to strengthen and sustain the capacity of community-based rehabilitation services for the disabled, and to extend such services to Balkh, Takhar and Wardak provinces. In Balkh, the project will take advantage of the inroads made at the grassroots level by the ongoing UNDP/OPS Northern Rural Rehabilitation project working with some communities, and in Takhar and Wardak the project will link up with the UNOCA-funded Disabled Afghans Project (DAP). In addition, the revised activities will include the strengthening of the Resource/Referral Centre which may have to move to another location due to occupancy by others as a result of events of the past eight weeks.

Inputs

UNDP will provide a total of 88 work-months of expert and consultant services; subcontracts with NGOs and local communities to establish Employment Support Services (ESS); training; equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	306 300
Subcontract	91 300
Training	85 900
Equipment	60 000
Miscellaneous	88 000
Total	631 500

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